

REMARKS

Claims, 1, 5, 9, 13, 14, and 18 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 9, and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 7,028,156 (the '156 Patent) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0205298 filed by Bearden et al. ("Bearden"). The instant application is a continuation-in-part of the '156 Patent. Claims 1-6, 9-11, 13, and 18 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-4, 8, 14-17, and 23 of application No. 10/742,129 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,177,993) in view of Bearden. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, and 18 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 24, 25, 32, and 41 of application number 11/242,216 (Now U.S. Patent No. 7,096,332). In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of all pending claims.

Filed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer that obviates each of the non-statutory double-patenting rejections.

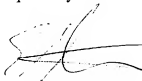
No claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103. The amendments contained within this paper are designed to clarify the claims. Applicants submit no new matter is being added to the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

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